THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line between Rewari-Bhiwadi was completed in 2003-04. As per survey report, the cost of construction of 24.87 kms. long line had been assessed as Rs. 105.04 crore with a rate of return as (-) 8.56%. The State Government of Rajasthan expressed willingness to take up this project under National Capital Region Plan and Assistance to the State for Infrastructure Development for Export and Allied Activites (ASIDE) Scheme. The matter was referred to the State Government for bearing the cost of the project but there was no response in this regard. In view of this, the proposed new line was not taken up due to its un-remunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Sky Bus facility in hyderabad

2838. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted a techno-economic feasibility to study to introduce "Sky Bus" project/facility in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame by which the project is expected to be approved/ cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A tchno-economic feasibility study for the implementation of Sky Bus Metro project in Hyderabad was conducted by Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. for a private party (M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia) with due permission from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Details thereof are as under:-

(i) Techno-economic feasibility study draft report was submitted on 04.11.06 to M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia.

(ii) Total length 22 km (Uppal to Gudimalkapuram).

(iii) Total number of stations 19.

(iv) Total estimated capital cost is Rs. 1,782 crores (2006-07).

(c) Not decided.